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1. Nationalist troops damaged the #1 and #4 generators of the Hsiaofengman Power Plant before their withdrawal from Kirin. Chinese Communist officials at the plant have been ordered to give highest priority to the repair of the two generators. The damage is not regarded as serious. At the present time the power needs of the Kirin and Tunghua (125-57,41-41) areas are being met with power supplied from the Suiho (124-58,40-28) Power Plant on the Korean border.

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Comment. the Chinese Nationalists were refused by the Soviet authorities when they requested that power be furnished to Manchuria from the Suiho Power Plant. indicated that part of the electricity furnished to South Korea may have come from the Suiho Dam.)

2. Three repair units have been sent out from Hsiaofengman to restore power transmission lines. The first unit, under the direction of CHOU Yu-lin (周玉林), is restoring the lines between Hsiaofengman and Harbin; the second unit, between Hsiaofengman and Huapichang (126-13,43-59); the third unit, between Hsiaofengman and Tunghua.
3. On 25 April 1948 a meeting of 21 new employees of the plant was held in the #1 and #4 generator rooms. The meeting was addressed by a Japanese engineer, who is in charge of the technical operation of the plant. The engineer gave a brief history of the plant, stating that formerly there had been eight water power generators of German and American design at the plant. Five of the eight generators had been completely installed by August 1945. Each generator was capable of furnishing 70,000 kilowatts. The five generators in operation in August 1945 were sufficient to supply the power needs of Kirin, Changchun, Harbin and the industrial areas of South Manchuria. The #2 and #3 generators were of German design. In the winter of 1945-46 the #2, #3 and #5 generators were removed by the Soviets, and only the #1 and #4 generators were left at the plant.

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